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Low Activity Waste Design & Operability Report Released

Hanford, Washington – The Department of Energy's Office of River Protection (ORP) and its contractor at the Hanford Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) have recently completed a [Technical Review of the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant Low-Activity Waste Facility](#) ("Technical Review Report") and have begun implementing the review's recommendations.

The Technical Review Report addresses the findings of the [Low Activity Waste \(LAW\) Facility Design and Operability \(D&O\) review](#). The LAW D&O review was an internally-initiated review by ORP to find and address vulnerabilities during the design and construction of the facility, increasing confidence in the LAW design, a timely startup and safe and efficient operation. These types of reviews are routinely used at various stages in the design and construction phases to find and address potential vulnerabilities prior to operations.

The Technical Review Report, which incorporates the results of the LAW D&O review, provides a set of 10 actionable recommendations for addressing the matters raised in the LAW D&O review. The Department's contractor for the WTP, Bechtel National, has been directed to submit an action plan for resolution of all recommendations and vulnerabilities and DOE will approve and aggressively track the path forward to resolution.

The reports are available on Hanford.gov.

Find the technical review report here: http://www.hanford.gov/files.cfm/15-WTP-0151.LAW-D_O-TRR-sm.pdf

Find the original report here:
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remains committed to the successful completion and operation of the WTP for processing the tank waste stored in underground tanks at Hanford. The Department remains dedicated to the direct feed low-activity waste initiative, which will allow waste treatment to begin as early as practicable.

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